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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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In the Claims

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50.(amended) A method for producing a tumor associated polypeptide comprising

[providing a nucleic acid molecule comprising a tumor associated nucleic acid molecule operably linked to a promoter, wherein the tumor associated nucleic acid molecule encodes the tumor associated polypeptide or a fragment thereof, wherein the tumor associated polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:44, and fragments thereof] expressing [the nucleic acid molecule] in an expression system the expression vector of claim 18, and

isolating the tumor associated polypeptide or a fragment thereof from the expression system.